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Ring in the new year

We enter 2005 with more than 800 INSCOM Soldiers and civilians deployed worldwide away from their home station, many in harm's way, in support of the Global War on Terrorism and regional contingency operations. This follows an unprecedented level of accomplishment during 2004 across all intelligence disciplines. Never has INSCOM been more integral to the success of our Army, Armed Forces or nation. Every element of INSCOM is "decisively engaged." INSCOM leads in major Army and joint intelligence advances which are essential to both combat success and the transformation of defense intelligence into our most lethal "asymmetric advantage." INSCOM's role and importance as the Army's Operational Intelligence Force will grow even more over the next two years as we "reset" to transform our brigades, divisions and corps into more modular form. I couldn't be more pleased or proud to wear the INSCOM patch.

Our hard-won experiences in Southwest Asia and every other theater have reinforced what we already know - that intelligence doesn't just "happen" - it takes aggressive leadership, focus, masterful

competence and a pervasive sense of urgency to transform joint intelligence resources and technologies into warfighter success. That remains the only meaningful measure of merit - everything else is secondary. In the current context, that requires us to engage more comprehensively in joint intelligence issues than ever before. Intelligence sharing isn't an abstract Intelligence community goal - it's what we rely on every day for enhanced situational awareness, tactically useful warning and operationally relevant fusion analysis leading to actionable judgments. Over the last year, we have taken on new mission sets and expanded old ones, in flexible response to committed, ruthless, adaptive enemies who are "going to school on us." We will continue to do so.

We are decisively engaged in a conflict we must win on our own terms. Our adversary seeks to destroy our open, pluralistic society and freedoms and replace them with a malignant form of religious extremism and medieval totalitarianism. Timely, fused intelligence analysis is the key - and it's a challenge we're meeting.

Neither the freedoms we enjoy at home nor our battle-



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field successes come free. INSCOM lost two of its best during 2004 - Sgt. Cari Gasiewicz and Sgt. Maj. Robert Odell - and suffered a number of wounded. I've also written to the families of a greater number of new Americans who lost their lives working side-by-side with U.S. Forces as contract linguists. We will capitalize on their "investment" in this historic undertaking and their commitment to fellow comrades and this nation.

It's a privilege and honor to be part of INSCOM during this challenging, critically important period. Thanks for your selfless dedication and sacrifice - you're making the world a better place. Out Front!

Maj. Gen. John F. Kimmons

Soldiers ready for inauguration



photo by Spc. Justin Nieto

Maj. Gen. Galen B. Jackman, commander of the Military District of Washington, speaks with the Secretary of Homeland Security, Tom Ridge, about participating in the Inauguration during a security demonstration.

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) — Elements of the Joint Forces Headquarters-National Capital Region gathered at the National Mall in Washington, D.C., Jan. 11 to participate in a public demonstration of some of the biggest and best tools being used for security in the upcoming Inauguration.

Among those present for the event were Charles H. Ramsey, chief of the Metropolitan Police Department, Tom Ridge, secretary of Homeland Security and Maj. Gen. Galen B. Jackman, commander of the JFHQ-NCR.

Lining the street in front of the Capitol were various mobile

command centers, booms raised, doors opened and personnel ready for a brief tour by the senior officials.

On the mall itself were representatives of the various security and ceremonial agencies, including Soldiers from the Military District of Washington, members of the Metropolitan Police Department and Marines from the Chemical-Biological Incident Response Force stationed at Indian Head, Md.

“It’s important to note that the people and the organizations represented here in person and with this equipment have been working together for

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Pledging aid from afar

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While an international outpouring of support is going to tsunami victims from online donations, some people from U.S. military communities in Europe are also doing their part to raise a little money for disaster relief efforts.

Roger Walker, a third-grader at Darmstadt Elementary School, went door-to-door in his Santa Barbara housing area in Germany to collect "pocket change" from the children of the house.

Walker, 9, said seeing the devastation in the countries hit by the tsunami compelled him to spend New Year's Day pounding the pavement.

"I was watching the news and saw all these hurting people who don't have any money, and I thought it would be a good idea to give them money."

Collecting only from other kids, Walker raised \$114 and 38 euro.

"I figured that the adults would be asked elsewhere, like at the office or the unit," Walker said. "I knocked on the door and asked if it was OK for the kids to donate their pocket change. The parents all said it was OK, and the kids gave me 50 cents or \$1 or \$20, or whatever they had."

At the Rhein-Main Air Base commissary in Germany, head bagger Yupa Conway donated three days' wages totaling \$660



photo by Michael Abrams

Roger Walker, a third-grader at Darmstadt Elementary School, collected \$114 and 38 euros from fellow children for tsunami victims.

and 40 euro.

Conway, the wife of a Stars and Stripes employee, initially put out a donation box, but the commissary management said it would make the customers uncomfortable and they may feel obligated to give more than they normally would have given for a tip.

Instead, Conway donated all of her tips.

"I am from Thailand, and my cousin still lives on the beach [where the tsunami hit]," she said. "I was scared, but we know now that she is safe."

Conway and her family visit the beach where her cousin lives every year. They last visited in July.

"All of the damage that was

done there makes me cry,"

Conway said. "I want to help the best that I can. I feel I have to try to help them."

The money raised will be sent directly to the Thai ambassador to the United States in Washington, D.C. The embassy Web site (www.thaiembdc.org) has a routing and account number for people to donate money through their bank account.

In Bamberg, Germany, the American Red Cross office received many calls Monday from people who wanted to donate money or clothing, said Jennifer Pittard, field office assistant.

"All we are taking right now

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Army deploys support forces

The Department of the Army announced Jan. 6 that forces will be deployed as part of the Combined Support Force for the Tsunami disaster relief effort.

U.S. Army, Pacific is providing a variety of specialists to U.S. Pacific Command including crisis planners, both in Hawaii and in Thailand.

U.S. Forces Command is deploying four mortuary affairs teams from Fort Lee, Va. The teams provide tailored disaster response for mass casualty incidents anywhere in the world and will help with, identification, processing, and evacuation of deceased.

8th U.S. Army in Korea is deploying medical and logistics units, including CH-47 Chinook helicopters. These units will provide medical treatment, evacuation and supply distribution capabilities.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is deploying three Forward Engineering Support Teams, from Japan, Alaska and Little Rock, Arkansas.

Each FEST consist of: a military team leader, a civil engineer, a structural engineer, a geotechnical engineer, and two electric power generation engineers. These teams assist with infrastructure assessment and reconstruction planning.

U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, N.C., is deploying three civil affairs teams and a psychological operations assessment team. The CA teams consist of one planning team and two CA teams for coordinating relief efforts. The PSYOP assessment team with its broadcast and production capabilities will focus on information distribution in concert with local officials and relief organizations in the region.

The Army is part of a joint and combined expeditionary force deploying from around the globe to support this disaster relief effort. U.S. Army, Pacific is the lead coordinating command for Army support to the CSF.

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is donations of money, because what the people there need is food and water - the basics," Pittard said.

She added that monetary donations could be made at any local field office of the American Red Cross on any military installation, and the money goes directly to tsunami and earthquake victims.

Donations can be made online at www.redcross.org. The Web site also has a link for anyone seeking information on friends or family who were in the area when the earthquake

and tsunami hit.

At Bamberg Elementary School, teachers were to hold a faculty meeting after school Monday - the first day back from winter break - to discuss some of the options for students who were interested in helping tsunami victims.

With many Web pages offering links to make donations for tsunami victims, charitable organizations already have received millions of dollars to support the relief effort.

But the efforts of people such as Conway and Walker put more than a little heart

behind the money they raise to help the hungry and homeless in the wake of one of the worst natural disasters in modern history.

"I feel kind of proud that I thought about this myself and that I did something to help people who lost everything there," Walker said.

"I feel good a little bit," Conway said. "I know this is not much, but I feel so happy to be able to do something to help."

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Looking for a few good candidates

The United States Army is looking for highly motivated service members to fill its Warrant Officer ranks. Positions are open in all 45 specialties. Applicants with less than 12 years active federal service are encouraged to apply. For more information, go to: www.usarec.army.mil/warrant.

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years and years,” said Ridge during the press conference following the demonstration. “They work together all the time on all the events in the National Capital Region.

“These organizations represent what the Department of Homeland Security tries to do nationally,” said Ridge. “Integrate capacities, abilities and all jurisdictions, because together, they are an extremely strong force.”

Ridge said the reason for the display was to assure the public that all the levels of government are ready and prepared to deter and defend against any threat to the inaugural events.

“These resources will cover all aspects of the Inauguration, including the oath of office, the parade and any inaugural balls,” said Ridge. As many as 6,000 police officers from different agencies will be present, augmented by Homeland Security personnel, Ridge

added.

Among those joining the police and other security personnel in defense of the inaugural events are the troops of the JFHQ-NCR.

“We have a Joint Task Force within the National Capital Region, which is responsible for providing support to a lead federal agency,” said Jackman, who commands the task force as well as the Military District of Washington and the Joint Task Force, Armed Forces Inaugural Committee, which coordinates the military support “on the ceremonial side ... like for the swearing-in ceremony and the parade.”

Jackman went on to outline some of the security measures his commands are responsible for during this event.

“We coordinate the air defense for the air space around the National Capital Region, we coordinate the maritime security on the Potomac and Anacostia rivers, and the Washington Channel,”

Jackman said. “In support of the Secret Service,” he add, “we’re providing significant medical capability, robust explosive ordinance disposal and detection capabilities.

“Also, we provide a special technical rescue ability for collapsed structures and then, stationed a little bit further away from the Metropolitan area, we have forces that are stationed to respond,” said Jackman.

Jackman also fielded questions about his organization’s readiness and planning.

“We’ve worked just about every threat tendency that we could think of here,” said Jackman. “We worked through all of the ‘What ifs’ - how we would respond, how we would work with the agencies and this team together in what we call ‘tabletop exercises’.

“We’re very confident in our preparations for this event,” Jackman said.

Tax time

ARLINGTON, Va. - The end of the calendar year is quickly approaching and that means only one thing in the tax world, tax statements (W-2, 1099R).

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) has compiled a schedule of dates when service members, military retirees and annuitants and defense civilian employees can access their tax statements through myPay and when they can anticipate to receive the hardcopy delivery by mail.

Military members, retirees/annuitants and Department of Defense civilian employees will once again have access to view, save and print their tax statements from myPay at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

DFAS delivers personal pay information and provides the ability to process pay-related transactions timely, safely and securely to all its members through myPay. The Web-based system eliminates the risks associated with postal delivery by allowing members to access electronic tax statements and other financial information online. myPay matches existing industry standards for the highest level of encryption and security. This prevents customer information from being accessed by others on the Internet.